



## Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

### The Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy Presents: **Structuring Effective and Responsive Student Assistance Teams** Presented by:

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Ryan Taylor is the Director of SafeSchool Solutions at SafeHiring Solutions. With over 25 years' experience in public education as a teacher and administrator, Ryan served as Director of Safety, HR and Student Services for Hamilton Southeastern Schools (HSE), one of the largest school districts in Indiana. At HSE, Ryan assisted schools in developing a multi-layered approach to safety and crisis management using best practices and prevention-based models in crisis prevention, crisis management, mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Ryan has a multitude of experience in training safety experts, school administrators, SROs and teachers on prevention-based safety models.

Mike Johnson is the Director of School Safety for Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Before serving as the Director of School Safety, Mike worked for the Fishers Police Department from 1993–2022 where he served as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and major. Mike's entire career in law enforcement centered around schools and the safety of the school community. Mike coordinated the DARE Program at FPD and HSE where he taught thousands of students over 23 years. Mike has been a member of the DARE Indiana Training team, served on the board of directors for DARE Indiana and was named the Indiana DARE Officer of the year in 1999.

As the Mental Health and School Counseling Coordinator for Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Brooke Lawson oversees and helps coordinate mental health services and school counseling for the school district. She works closely with more than 40 school counselors, providing supervision related to mental health and student support. Brooke works with students and staff to create stigma-free environments in their school and community regarding mental health. She is also active in making connections between the school district and the community to create systems of support for students and families and remove barriers when they exist.

This session will help transform your district- and/or building-based behavioral management teams into Student Assistance Teams (SATs) to effectively address a wide range of student concerns, issues and incidents. *Empowerment* and *accountability* are critical elements to the success and functioning of SATs. Attendees will further appreciate the importance of relationships between school personnel, police and mental health specialists in serving at-risk students.

**Cost:** There is no cost for this training. Professional Growth Points, CEUs and Law Enforcement hours will be available.

**When:** Wednesday, December 7 at 1 p.m.

**Where:** A link for the virtual webinar will be emailed after registration has been submitted.

**Target Audience:** School administrators, school staff, school resource officers, law enforcement, first responders

**Agenda:** Training hours will be from 1 to 2 p.m.

**Register:** Please use the following link to register:

<https://indianaenhanced.webex.com/webex/register/r641085995e2a68f6f05f1e10350f0b63>

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